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FREEDOM STAMP CHAMP FOR 1950

"Red" Germany Has Fight For Peace Issue

The communist controlled German Democratic Republic of Eastern Germany has issued a set of four stamps with a Fight For Peace (Erkaempft den Frieden) motif. The designs are nearly identical.



Shown is an up-raised hand behind which is an olive branch carrying dove, and in front of which on the 6pf purple is a tank, on the 8pf brown a burning building and an exploding bomb, on the 12pf Prussian blue an atom bomb explosion and on the 24pf orange red rows of crosses in a military cemetery.

According to H. Kurt Weyerhaeuser of Hamburg, Germany the 6 and 8pf stamps are to pay the rate for printed matter, the 12pf for domestic postcards and the 24pf for domestic letters.

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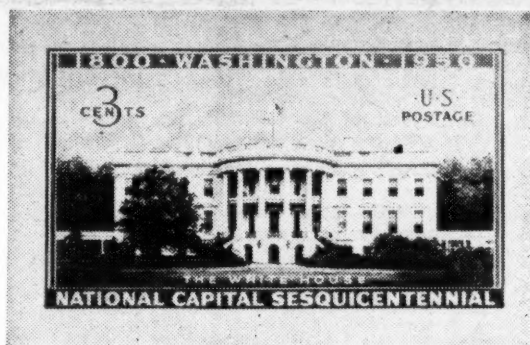
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Death Claims Prominent Washington Collector

Death called Harold C. Lamb, Yakima, Wash., who until recently was one of the most active collectors in the state of Washington. He held memberships in the American Philatelic Society and the Yakima Stamp Club.

Mr. Lamb is survived by his widow, a son and two daughters.



THE THREE "MOST ATTRACTIVE" UNITED STATES STAMPS of 1950 as determined by nation wide voting on the part of readers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News are shown above. The champ stamp, the one considered most pleasing from the color, design and engraving standpoints, is the Freedom shown at the top. It beat out the second place Legislative issue (shown center) by a very small margin of votes. The Executive, pictured at the bottom, was third choice. The three were part of a four stamp series for the celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the Establishment of the Seat of the Federal Government in Washington, D. C. The fourth stamp was the Judicial, which incidentally was considered fourth best by the voters. It is significant that the four stamps considered best were all designed by artists of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. In no case did they have to make the best of an amateur design foisted on them by some enthusiastic commemorative stamp committee. There were 125 million in each of the initial printings of these four stamps.

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Wins By Only Several Votes Over 2nd Place Legislative; Executive Third, Casey Jones "Worst Design"

The Freedom stamp, symbolical of this country's most precious heritage, was selected by voter-readers of this paper as the most attractive of the commemorative stamps issued by the United States in 1950. Released on April 20 as the first in a series of four commemorations to mark the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the seat of the federal government in Washington, D. C., it just barely beat out by less than 20 votes another stamp in that same series, the Legislative. A third in the Washington Sesquicentennial series, the Executive, established itself in third place without being pressed closely by competition.

Design conscious stamp collectors named these stamps champs as the result of nationwide voting in the Third Annual Design Derby conducted by Carl P. Rueth, writer of the weekly U. S. Notes column, and managing editor of Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

Votes poured in from 44 of the forty-eight states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and seven foreign countries. Participating were persons in all walks of life—legislators, lawyers, the clergy, doctors, various business men, the military, housewives, union bosses and retired stamp fans with nothing more to do except enjoy their hobby.

For the second time in three years, the voters chose a winner printed in blue. The first was the Lincoln Gettysburg Address commem chosen best of the 1948 crop. Like 1950's winning Freedom stamp it too had a lot of patriotic significance.

Designer of the Freedom stamp was Victor S. McCloskey, Jr. Mr. McCloskey adapted it from the proof of an engraving made by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing from a reproduction of the Statue of Freedom by Crawford which surmounts the dome of the Capitol.

The engraving was the work

Additional reading matter about the Design Derby will be found in the "U. S. Notes" column on page 8.

of two of the Bureau's aces, Charles A. Brooks, responsible for the vignette and frame, and Axel W. Christensen, who added the lettering and numerals.

The second place Legislative stamp was the last of the commemorations issued in 1950. It was released at Washington, D. C. on November 22. Its designer was Robert L. Miller. Two men were engaged in the engraving—Carl T. Arlt had the vignette, ribbon and frame as his part of the task, while John S. Edmonson took over on the lettering and the numerals.

The third place Executive stamp was designed by William K. Schrage. Matthew D. Fenton engraved the vignette of this stamp and Edward H. Helmuth, the letters and numerals.

On the ballot, voters were also given the opportunity to name the stamp which in their opinion bore the "Worst Design", and which stamp they thought was the "Least Necessary".

Chosen to wear the dubious (Continued on page 11)

Coloradans Want 75th Anniversary Stamp

A rather well organized campaign has been launched by a group of Coloradans who want a commemorative stamp to mark the 75th anniversary of the State of Colorado. This anniversary date, and the date suggested for the first day of issue of the stamp, is August 1.

It seems that the committee is fairly well sold on a stamp design which reproduces the Mount of the Holy Cross, a natural phenomenon in Eagle County not far from Leadville, Colo.

The Mount of the Holy Cross has an elevation of 13,978 feet. The deep ravine forming the upright section of the cross is 2000 feet; it carries snow drifts which are up to 60 feet in depth. The transverse ridge which forms the arms is 800 feet across and is 420 feet from the top.

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The prophet Jeremiah describes a similar system, "one post shall run to meet another and one messenger to meet another". None of these services of ancient time were open to the public.

The first half of the seventeenth century saw the rise of a postal service for public use. This advance took place at a time of great political stress, but despite the turbulence of the period some significant steps were taken and foundations were laid for an organization that was to become permanent a decade after the death of Charles I.

In 1657, there was created under an Act of Parliament a general office to be called "The Post Office of England". Four outstanding reformers followed in the pageant of development. The first was Thomas Witherings. He organized the first regular packet service to the continent.

There was Ralph Allen, the organizer of the cross posts, John Palmer, the inaugurator of the mail coach system, and Rowland Hill, the father of uniform penny postage.

The years in which Rowland Hill held office were years of rapid development. Registration, the conveyance of the mail by railway, the introduction of letter boxes, and the book post are but a few of the changes associated with his name. Rowland Hill can rightly be called the father of modern postal systems.

The New Zealand of 1840, the year of the first European settlement, was a land of mountainous peaks, tangled bush and treacherous rivers. Because of the nature of the land, settlement was sparse and scattered. The pioneer knew the stern hardships of natural barriers for this same pioneer had isolated himself across thousands of miles of ocean.

The story of the New Zealand posts is one of patience and persistence against great natural difficulties; a story of long journeys made over rough new cut tracks; a story of development as the amenities of ordered settlement, to which the past contributed, established their way.

But more, it is the story of a people who severed from the immediate bonds of kinship, from the associations of their homeland, sought by their own demands and among themselves to insure that communication with that land which they left was regular.

The post was to them a paramount necessity and throughout till the beginning of the present century an English mail was something to be treated with expedition and respect. Delay in its delivery roused scathing criticism. To miss a first onward transhipment from a port of receipt to other parts of the colony was an irremediable breach of duty.

At first purely domestic communication needs rapidly became commercial and the posts played no small part in the rapidly developing economies of the land. For in the posts of the colony went out the tidings of the gold finds and through the posts search was made for markets to receive the produce of the farms.

Within the colony itself a postal route was adjudged a first necessity to the successful founding of a township. Memorials for the establishment of post offices, for the improvement of existing post routes, abound in early colonial records and one plea in support was ever dominant, "that it is necessary and vital for the welfare of the colonists and for the conduct of commercial relations".

The post too, was indispensable to the early administration.

The English system was the natural pattern for New Zealand's. The first settlers knew of the posts, knew the moderately ordered systems which in the early nineteenth century operated in England. The New Zealand post office system was born of the British but its birth was of a different circumstance.

The settlers united in spirit at least by common venture, faced, irrespective of class or creed by the same hardships and difficulties, knew something of community purpose. Whether skilled artisan or laborer, capitalist or domestic, they knew a need for communication with home. By the precariousness of their situation in the face of uncertain native attitudes they knew a need for communication among themselves to insure the unity which was protection.

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NORWAY: A review of the stamp issuing intentions of this country would not be out of place at this time since in the past few weeks news of impending changes in the series for regular postage has been released.

Continuing in the Post Horn design Scott's type A16, will be the 1, 2, 3 and 5 ore, while the following denominations will also appear in the Post Horn design but in new colors the 10 ore blue gray, the 15 ore green and the 20 ore in a color yet to be announced.

Incidentally, it might be of interest to know that this Post Horn design with slight modifications was first used in 1872. It has seen service a total of 79 years and from all appearances seems well on its way to an equal period of use in the future.

Also in the regular postage series will be denominations in a design which pictures a new portrait of King Haakon. Johannes Haukland a secretary in the Postmaster General's Department was the designer. The 25 ore red picturing King Haakon has been released already, while in the very near future are expected a 30 ore and a 40 ore in colors yet to be named, a 50 ore blue, 55 ore orange and a 80 ore dark orange brown.

Other values and colors are possible depending on currency fluctuations and needed adjustments in the postal rates.

No changes are contemplated in the high values of the regular postage series. The four stamps of 1, 1 1/2, 2 and 5 Kroner in the King Haakon design, Scott's type A54 will remain as is.

Three of the stamps, the 10, 15 and 25 ore were expected to be placed on sale by the Postal Administration on or about December 20. Actually, they were at the stamp windows in several post offices on December 18. No first day of issue arrangements were made for their release, nor will any be made for other denominations.

The Administration has stated that the new stamps will be issued to post offices as the stocks of the current designs are exhausted. This can happen any time and anywhere in the country.

The stamp booklets of 10, 15 and 25 ore Lion Rampant design now in use will soon be replaced with booklets in the new design. Booklet collectors are advised to get their copies of

the current booklet now. It was an intermediate and provisional short term issue, and might turn out to be good.

SWEDEN: Collectors seem to be generally interested in the catalogs used by the collectors of other nations. In this regard, one of the standardbys of collectors in the Scandinavian countries is the "Nordan". The twelfth, 1951, edition of this highly regarded reference work has just made its appearance.

On some 600 pages, well illustrated, are listed and priced the stamps of Sweden, Norway and Denmark and their dependencies, and Finland and Iceland. Information is arranged for the convenient use of the general as well as the specialist collector.

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Should any readers desire a copy of this book, I will be pleased to help them. The cost is \$1.60 postpaid. It should be remembered that the reading matter is NOT in the English language.

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Good Sportsmanship Is The Answer

One of the first things a young man is taught in his school or college is to be a good sport. Play the game for all there is in it, beat your opponent if you can do so in a clean and honorable manner, but if you fail, hold no malice against him, step up like a man and admit he is the better man for the moment, but with a will to try again to win the crown that he has won.

Television has done a wonderful thing in bringing to the view of so many thousands Americans young and old, the opportunity to see the youth of America as well as the professional athletes and sportsmen of mature age, fight their battles whether on the football field or in the boxing or wrestling ring and have the sportsmanship and courage to step up to their better opponent, congratulate him and shake his hand. It is sportsmanship of this nature that has made America what it is today.

Would that we might have a world where such sportsmanship between the nations might take the place of the ill feeling that is so prevalent in our daily life.

Were it not for greed, an insane lust for power and other things of a similar nature we might arrive at a better way of life. It is not the people who are to blame, but the leaders. The leaders are vain, they want and crave power. It is such things that make mobs, it is the man who springs up as a mob leader that causes most of the trouble. Without a leader the mob soon becomes quiet and this quiet leads to friendliness and a common desire to settle our differences in a peaceful manner, but let a leader spring up with his urging to struggle and the mob becomes uncontrollable.

We of the stamp collecting world have some fine examples of good will and friendliness that can exist among peoples or various races even tho the governing bodies are at each others throats.

If we could have more of the friendliness of good sportsmanship among all people, the friendliness that comes through mutual interest as stamp collectors, we would be able to avoid some of the catastrophes that come to the peoples of the world. Even in our own group of stamp collectors in America we know that neither race, creed or color is a bar to close association and complete friendship among stamp collectors. We know that there is perhaps no other group of people where honesty, trust and confidence in one another because we are stamp collectors, is great as in our group. The trust that is apparent between collectors when their valuable collections are freely displayed among their brother collectors, and trust that is shown when dealers willingly submit large and valuable selections of stamps through the mails to prospective buyers. All this is an example comparable to clean sportsmanship which if understood and practiced by the countries of the earth as it is by clean sportsmen themselves might give us a better life.

Imagine if you can when prior to the first world war a certain Mr. Fred Heyerman of Detroit, Michigan was a specialist in stamps which had inverted centers. In those days such stamps were not so common as today, for prior to that time the countries of the earth had not learned that the purposeful production of such stamps might add to their postal receipts. Mr. Heyerman after years of search and after spending a considerable sum had amassed a collection of somewhere between fifty and sixty different such stamps which had a recognized value of between five and six thousand dollars. Prior to that war a stamp collectors' society in Berlin Germany was arranging for a big International Stamp Show. The collection of Mr. Heyerman had been sent in the care of the officials of this society for display. Then the war came. Naturally Mr. Heyerman thought he would never see his stamps again. It was a logical thought, but Mr. Heyerman did not reckon with the great trust and sportsmanship that existed in Philately. Years after the show was over the stamps were returned to Mr. Heyerman. It would have been so easy for someone to have stolen and kept the whole collection, but the honor that exists among philatelists the world over stood above the lust and greed of the warring nations and the stamps were safely hidden and kept hidden for some years after that stamp show, or until those who had been in charge of the show felt that it would be safe to take them out of their hiding and return them to their rightful owner. Would that we could have such common honor and love among the governments of the world.

Compare the story of the great Ferrari collection. A collection that altho made by a Frenchman was destined to be given to the Berlin Postal Museum solely because it appeared to be the most outstanding collection and the proper place for the Ferrari collection to rest. Then the war came and we all know the story following the war, how the collection was siezed by the victorious French Government and dispersed for war reparations.

If we could have the honor, the trust, the good sportsmanship on the part of the rulers of the world and their diplomats we might avoid much of the horrors of war that are brought upon us from time to time.

The people would and could settle their difficulties if given a free chance, but when the leader of the mob takes charge and incites the people to war upon one another there remains but one thing for the people of the other countries to do and that is fight for survival. Would that we might settle our international differences like good sportsmen.

It Was A Lovely Christmas

We want to express our thanks to the dozens upon dozens of friends in all parts of the United States and from some foreign countries who thought to send Christmas cards and greetings to our office. I thank all of you for myself and for the staff of Linns Weekly.

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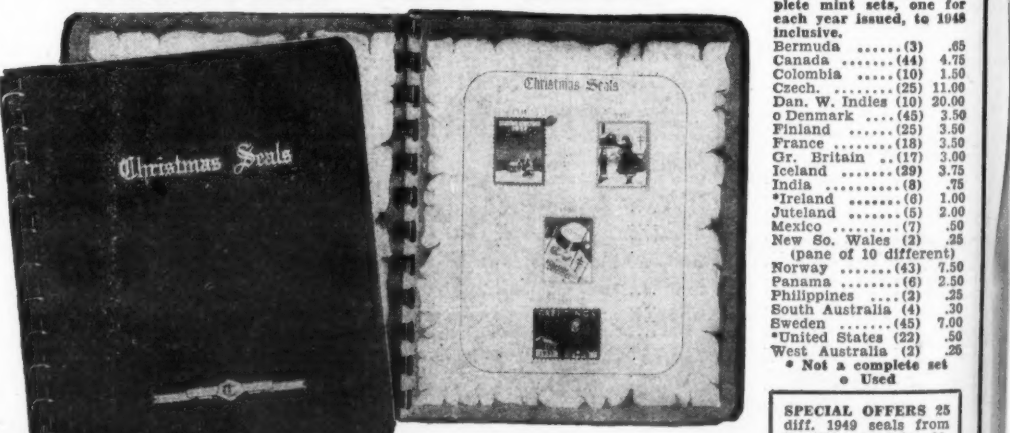
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DIRECTOR ALVIN W. HALL OF THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING was the guest of honor and the speaker at the annual banquet of the **Pentagon Philatelic Society of Washington, D.C.** Scene and date of the get-together was **Fort McNair** on December 5. Mr. Hall spoke about some of the problems which have to be met in the designing, engraving and printing of United States postage stamps. At the speaker's table, reading from left to right, are Maj. George J. McNally, James H. Bower, secretary of the PPS, Mr. Hall, Lt. Col. John F. Phelan (partly hidden) current PPS prexy, and Mrs. Phelan.



INDIAN PHILATELY

Past and Present

by A. J. Dominic

The diversities of races, creeds and languages found in the sub-continent of India is peculiar to the soil and unique in history. No other part of the universe has fostered so many differences in all the varying spheres of life; human and animal. In spite of all these incongruent variations, it is a commendable fact that the heritage of India is incomparably the loftiest in the world. Long before the formulations of scientific theories and principles, almost all branches of science and art were propounded in verses in the old Indian literature, sanskrit. The foreigners who ruled India by sword have, unaware of the gravity of havoc, ruined much of such precious possessions.

The postal system also, it is seen, was very extensively developed in most of the Indian States even before the advent of the British. During the Sultanate of Delhi, it is recorded, by the famous Ibn-Batuta, that there was a "well regulated system of horse and foot post in the reign of Mahomed bin Tughlak", the perverted genius of the 14th century.

The British postal system was started in India by Lord Clive in 1766 and thrown open to the public in 1774. The postage rates were varying, the lowest two annas per 100 miles; and copper tickets were specially struck for the purpose.

A public post was established in India by Act XVII of the East India Company in 1837 to carry letters within its territories. Here too, the charges were varied according to weight and distance.

The ideas of a paper token for postage was introduced by Bartle Frere, Commissioner for the Province of Sind in 1852. Mr. Frere was a great admirer of the "Penny postage". The design was simple. A circular belt with a buckle downwards and "SCINDE DISTRICT DAWK" imprinted in the circular belt. In the centre there was the modified arrow of the East India Company with the denomination above and below. These stamps were embossed on white, blue and scarlet paper and were sold to the public on 1st of July 1852—a really memorable day in the philatelic history of the country.

In 1854 another act was passed and the postal department was placed under the control of the Director General of the E. I. C. The same year Capt. Tuillier, Deputy Surveyor General of the Company in Calcutta printed 600 sheets of half anna stamps. But these stamps it seems were not issued, as the necessary ink for printing additional sheets was not then available in India. In April "the 8 Arches" stamps with the effigy of Queen Victoria and the

letters "East India Postage" were printed, first for the values of half anna and one anna, and then for two annas and four annas. The four anna stamp of this series is the rarest and costliest of the lot.



An 1856 Victoria head inscribed "East India Postage"

In 1856, stamps were printed in England for the Company and this foreign printing continued till 1826. In 1857, Queen Victoria assumed the title of Empress of India. The East India Postage was thereafter changed to "India Postage." In 1882 a fresh series of 11 stamps for values ranging from half-anna to one Rupee was issued.

1895 saw a change in design and value. A charming portrait of the Queen by the celebrated painter "Von-Angell" was accepted as the central effigy of the 2 Rupees, 3 Rupees and 5 Rupees.

The decision of the Postal Union to have uniform colors for stamps representing International postage effected certain changes in the colors of the Indian stamps in 1900. These were the last issues of the Queen, as they were followed by the "Edward VII" series. Stamps for higher



King George V on a stamp of the 1911 Series.

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One of the set of seven stamps issued in 1935 to mark the Silver Jubilee of the reign of King George V of England.

India was the first in the (Continued on page 9)

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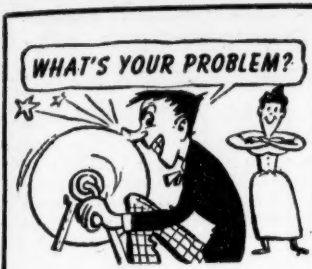
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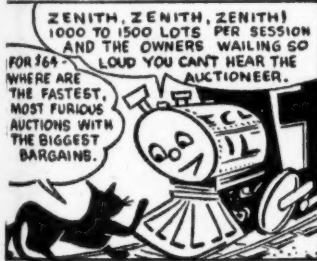
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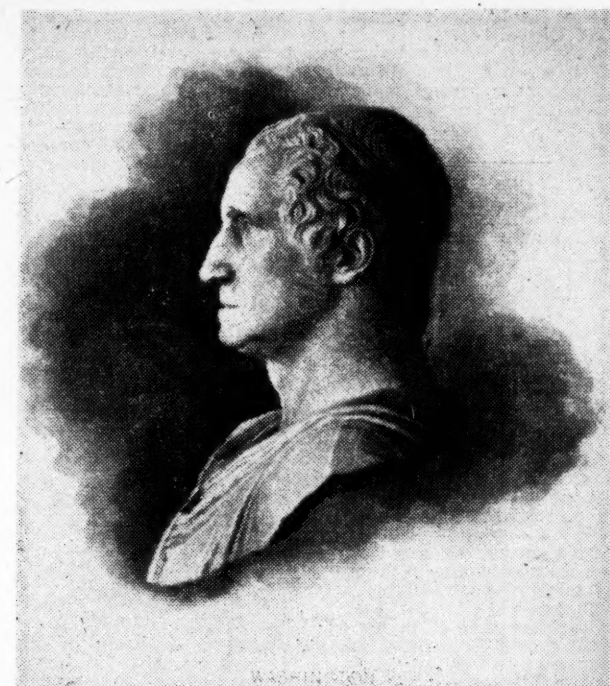
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Why Not A Philatelic Collection OF WASHINGTONIA

By J. F. McGee

Topical collections became popular because it is possible to complete most of these sidelines without great expense. Among the stamps usually selected are those depicting maps, ships, railway trains and engines, animals, birds, buildings and others of this class. The two latest popular topical are the Roosevelt and the U. P. U. issues.

Apparently there are very few American collectors who can complete such a collection since the cost of the early U. S. stamps with the portrait of Washington would tend to discourage the majority of them when they study this field.

Naturally I would have a Washington collection. Using blank albums to house it, I do not have printed spaces to fill. Indeed, there is so much other Washington material that I have never concentrated on the numerous Washington heads of the U. S. issues from 1847 to 1867. The 1869 set has only one Washington stamp, the 6c denomination. From then on down to 1908, his portrait is only on the stamps for domestic letter postage, the 3c and 2c values.

Washington is given almost a monopoly of the subjects of the 1908 set. Of the twelve numbers Franklin is on the 1c, and he is portrayed on the other eleven. The designs of the Washington stamps are identical except for the valuations. The sameness of the types, it was said, caused about half of the U. S. collectors to quit the hobby.

The 1912-14 set brought more variety. Washington's likeness was new on the 1c to the 7c, and Franklin's on the 8c to the \$1.00. Government coil stamps had also appeared. Later there were changes in the perforations, and in 1918-20, the three lower values with Washington heads were produced by offset printing.

FOREIGN WASHINGTONIA

The first foreign government to portray Washington on a postage stamp was that of the Confederate States. He is on its 20c green of 1863. Counting those of the Philippines, when the islands were a ward of the U. S., and those of the set by the Dominican Republic to commemorate the opening of the George Washington Memorial highway, there are about twenty-eight Washington stamps issued by foreign countries.

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POSTAL STATIONERY

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- 2 —a similar lot
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- 4 "Eleanor Roosevelt" and "Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr." across mint Cipex sheets
- 5 "Franklin D. Roosevelt" across mint Cipex sheet
- 6 "Alben W. Barkley" across mint Cipex sheet
- 7 —across uncanceled Cipex sheet on free-franked "Office of the Vice-President" envelope
- 8 "Herbert Hoover" across mint Cipex sheet
- 9 —across uncanceled Cipex sheet on reverse of envelope also with signature on face
- 10 "Cordell Hull" across mint Cipex sheet
- 11 —a similar lot
- 12 "Robert H. Jackson" across mint Cipex sheets, also across uncanceled official free-franked envelope
- 13 "John W. Snyder", "Louis Johnson" across mint Cipex sheets
- 14 —ditto, across uncanceled Cipex sheets on official free-franked envelopes, each with enclosures
- 15 "Florence Kling Harding" on free-franked mourning envelope used Feb. 21, 1924
- 16 Five mint Cipex sheets autographed "Alben W. Barkley", "Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.", "Cordell Hull", "Louis Johnson", "Robert H. Jackson"
- 17 "G. C. Marshall" across mint Cipex sheet
- 18 —across uncanceled Cipex sheet on official envelope
- 19 —as above two lots
- 20 "Douglas MacArthur" across mint Cipex sheet
- 21 —similar lot
- 22 "Dwight W. Eisenhower" across mint Cipex sheet
- 23 —a similar lot
- 24 "Omar Bradley, General U. S. Army" across mint Cipex sheet, also signature on "Dept. of the Army" envelope
- 25 "W. F. Halsey, Com. in Chief U. S. Navy" across mint Cipex sheet
- 26 "Lucius W. Clay, Lt. Gen. U. S. Army Berlin 1948" across mint Cipex sheet
- 27 "Mark W. Clark" across mint Cipex sheet, also across uncanceled Cipex sheet on "Headquarters Sixth Army" envelope
- 28 "William D. Leahy, Fleet Admiral" across mint Cipex sheet
- 29 "Lious E. Denfield, Chief of Naval Operations" across mint Cipex sheet, also across uncanceled Cipex sheet on official envelope
- 30 "To Past Mates of H. H. Arnold" across mint Cipex sheet
- 31 "H. H. Arnold" across mint Cipex sheet, also across uncanceled Cipex sheet on official envelope and on a third envelope
- 32 "J. H. Doolittle" across mint Cipex sheet, also across uncanceled sheet on envelope
- 33 "A. W. Radford, Vice-Admiral U. S. N.", "C. LeMay, U. S. A. F.", "Leslie R. Greves, Lieut. Gen. U. S. A. ret.", "John C. H. Lee", "Louis Norstead", "A. A. Vandergriff", "A. C. Wedermeyer, Lieut. General U. S. A.", "L. T. Grow, Lieutenant General U. S. Army", "Maj. Gen. H. H. Vaughan", all across mint Cipex sheets—8 in all
- 34 "A. W. Radford, Vice Admiral U. S. Navy", "A. C. Wedermeyer, Lieut. General U. S. A.", "John C. H. Lee", "A. A. Vandergriff", across uncanceled Cipex sheets on official envelopes, also "H. H. Vaughan" free-franking a White House Official Business envelope
- 35 The fine group of duplicate signatures, all different, on 14 mint Cipex sheets including Marshall, MacArthur, Eisenhower, Halsey, Clay, Clark, Leahy, Arnold, etc. A valuable group
- 36 "Best Wishes, sincerely, Al Jolson" across mint Cipex sheet
- 37 "Eddie Cantor" — ditto
- 38 "Bette Davis" — ditto
- 39 "Jack Benny" — ditto
- 40 "Lionel Barrymore", twice across mint Cipex sheet, also second similar sheet hinged to original envelope
- 41 "Joe Louis" across mint Cipex sheet
- 42 —a similar sheet, also signature on envelope in which sent
- 43 Seven mint Cipex sheets autographed "Esther Williams", "Sincerely, Margaret O'Brien", "Roy Rogers", "Tyron Power 1950", "Dennis Morgan", "Alan Ladd", "Sincerely, Fibber McGee & Molly" (on reverse)
- 44 Duplicate signatures, all different, on 10 mint Cipex sheets, comprising "Al Jolson", "Eddie Cantor", "Bette Davis", "Jack Benny", "Lionel Barrymore", "Margaret O'Brien", "Roy Rogers", "Dennis Morgan", "Joe Louis", "Fibber McGee & Molly" (on reverse)
- 45 "Edward Duke of Windsor", "Wallis Windsor" across separate mint sheets, also the envelope in which they were sent signed "Edward"
- 46 "Jawaharlal Nehru 1950" across mint Cipex sheet
- 47 —a similar lot, also "May Ling Song Chiang" across mint Cipex sheet
- 48 "Jawaharlal Nehru 1950" across mint Cipex sheet, also signed envelope in which sent from India

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BY CARL P. RUETH

It's all over now—my Third Annual Design Derby, that is—so if you have the urge to shout because your artistic eye was vindicated by picking the winners right on the nose, let loose with a whooper.

(For the full story of the results, see page one).

On the other hand, if your selections didn't agree with the voice of the majority you can save your ego by declaring the ones who chose the winner don't know from nuthin', and how do they get that way, anyhow.

As for myself, my selection had only one representative in the top three, the Legislative. I had picked that one as the third "purtiest". The Judicial which I had picked as best was fourth, while the Bankers which had been chosen second actually came in sixth. So you can see I didn't do so hot either.

To all of you who cooperated so splendidly, I send a bushel of thanks. This year the number of ballots sent in was almost twice the amount of last year. That fine showing was due to a large extent by the results from more than forty stamp clubs.

The club showing was a decided improvement. While it still isn't near what it could be, it was much better than the first two years the "Derby" was run. An especial word of thanks is due to those club members who pestered their fellow stamp addicts to mark a ballot and then tabulated and sent them on to me.

And before leaving the work of the club theme, one group has made a rather interesting project of the contest. Each member is given the opportunity to vote. Then after the results are announced in this paper at a later date, the one, or ones who pick the first three right on the nose are awarded prizes.

That sounds like a fairly good stunt to arouse interest, and possibly something which might be considered by club officers and entertainment chairmen for the 1951 Derby.

1. In the 1930's a stamp was issued to commemorate the anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which gave women the right to vote. In whose honor was it, and whose picture appeared in the design?

2. A stamp of the 1940's pictured persons who worked for the 19th Amendment. What stamp was it, and who was shown?

I rather like the stunt A. Falut of Chicago, Ill. used to send in his vote for the three most attractive stamps. Along the right hand edge of a square type envelope he stuck his first choice at the top, his second underneath and the third selection at the bottom.

There was no room for doubt as to how the man felt doing it that way. Incidentally, Mr. Falut chose the Legislative best, California next and Bankers third.

Sectionalism, at California's expense, was evident in a few of the letters which accompanied the votes. Seems as if some of the folks resent California and its citizens just being alive and part of the national picture.

I feel sure that Californians won't mind since many of them believe there is no other place on earth quite like it, which could be a blessing or catastrophe depending on where you sit.

As a sample of this feeling I quote from a letter sent by a Missourian, who stated, "Why didn't you put a blank for the ugliest stamp so we could have smacked those guys in Califor-

nia in the face?" Such quaint sentiment, tsk, tsk!

The voters did just about that when they selected the California design as the second worst looking of the lot. It missed being "worst" by just SEVEN votes.

One Florida voter would have won the medal for "Scrupulous Fairness" if there had been such an award. You will have to admit that his head was practically touching the floor in his leaning over backward to give the California stamp the best of it. He wrote:

"And I didn't vote against the California stamp just because I live in Florida. (He voted it as the worst design). I tried covering the stamp with dark green ink and then washing it to give a bright emerald finish and think it would have looked much better but might have been a reflection on their oranges".

California is getting a lot of attention here for the minute, but before passing on, it might be pertinent to point out that few folks from that state supported their own Centennial issue. Sentiment seemed to be divided among them.

One group felt that the design was rather well done, but that the color was a very poor choice. The second one was of the opinion that the design and the color both were horrible.

One voter summed up the general feelings of the Golden Staters about their stamp with his observation, "Being a loyal Californian, I think they did a lousy job on our stamp." He was seconded in this by similar sentiment from his fellow citizens.

That color is one that can't be hung on the Post Office Department or the Bureau of Engraving and Printing inasmuch as the stamp committee from California insisted, whether or no, on it.

Amateur fingers in the pie again!

Just an awful lot of the voters wanted to know why we can't get the Post Office Department to issue bi-color stamps. Some who know what the Bureau has to contend with in the production of a bi-color thought that we should have at least one or two in spite of the printing handicaps.

Other writers, less informed, would like to have two, three and four color stamps all the time.

And a lot of voters who give evidence of being just plain disgusted want to know why the Department can't choose appropriate colors for the one-color stamps we do produce.

One discouraged man wrote on the color matter, "What the h--- (bad word) system does the Post Office Department use to choose the colors for some of the stamps? Put the names of the available colored inks on slips of paper, and then draw blindly from a hatful of them? For the Legislative stamp, the drawer must have drawn the red and purple stuck together, so the Department in order to avoid favoritism mixed up equal parts of both".

(Gosh, maybe that's the system they actually use!)

I think a Chicago voter had a good thought when he wrote, "The Casey Jones stamp would have been more timely if it had been issued for the Chicago Railroad Fair."

The votes that the Casey Jones stamp got as "most attractive" were mostly of the "local pride" and "occupational loyalty" type. I made a special point of checking this as much as possible, the same as I did for evidence of the same kind of support for the Bankers, Gompers, Kansas City and Indiana stamps.

It wasn't possible to do much checking on the Bankers and Gompers, except where voters identified themselves as members of labor unions in connection with the Gompers. But for the Kansas City and the Indiana is was possible. The K. C. folks were luke warm in their support of their stamp, while the Indiana folks were awfully disinterested and apathetic as far as their stamp was concerned. What support it got came from other states.

A Pennsylvanian put into words two thoughts which were general. He said, "It gives me as well as other stamp collectors a great pleasure in helping you discover what American people want in stamp design and color. At times I think that we should feel proud of the engravers and color makers we have, and then at times, I wonder."

You have a lot of company mister!

I regret that the fair sex didn't send in more votes. The ladies usually have a discerning eye when it comes to design and color; it would have been interesting to see whether their choices differed much from the preponderant male majority.

A number of them did send in their votes, but too few in amount to show any kind of definite trend. There are several all women stamp clubs around the nation which could have been most helpful in pointing out female preferences.

In the December 18 column I pictured the design for a Santa Claus stamp drawn by Arthur Engler. In giving Mr. Engler's place of residence I mistakenly put him in Los Angeles when actually he lives in Oakland, California.

Since its appearance quite a few readers have written in in favor of the Santa Claus stamp, especially one with the design conceived by Mr. Engler.

1. The stamp issued on August 26, 1936 honored Susan B. Anthony, a prominent suffragette and pictured her on the stamp.

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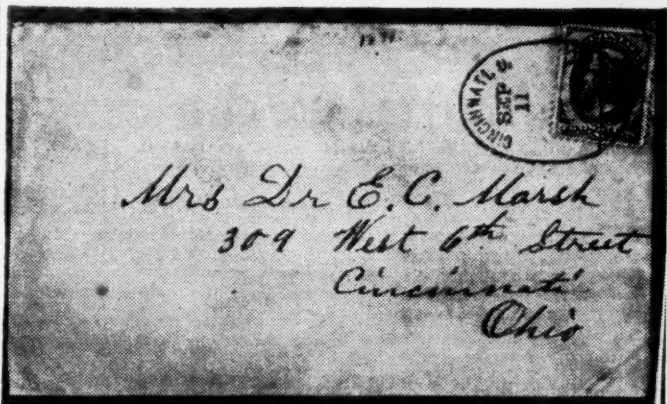
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The new stamp is intended to publicize the great wealth of fish resources found in Canadian water both coastal and inland. The design was created by artists of the Fairbairn Art Studio, and the adhesive was engraved and manufactured by the Canadian Bank Note Co.

Printing will be in green, in sheets of fifty, and the new stamp will replace the value showing a train ferry operating to Prince Edward Island. Apparently issuance will be general, with first day sales at the principal Canadian Post Offices.

This stamp will be overprinted with the letter "G" for use by Government departments on official mail only.

The 15 cent air letter form now on general sale is gradually being replaced as stocks become depleted, with a new design, or, better, the same as the 10 cent form introduced in August, with the exception that the postage stamp is red and the rest of the printed matter in blue.



HUNGARY—The Post Office

Stamp Supplies Dept. announces that a set of ten Sports stamps was released December 2. All were printed on paper with the pentagram watermarked in two colors excepting the 60f. which is in three colors as produced by what is known as the latticed photoengraving method. All designs were by Sandor Legrady.

Values, colors and subjects are given as follows: 10 fillers, greenish blue and blue, women about to dive into a pool, representing swimming; 20f. airmail, yellowish orange and brown, gymnast; 30f. airmail, light blue and violet, volleyball; 40f. airmail, greenish yellow and black-blue, javelin thrower; 60f. airmail, light green, brown and orange-red, medal of the "Ready for Work and Action

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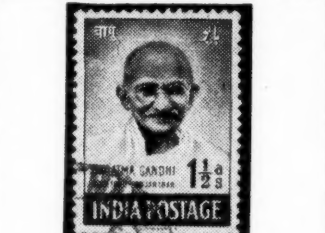
various modes of carrying mails in India. The havoc of World War II made its cruel bite on Indian Stamps too. Paper economy necessitated the revision to the old size of stamps. Several changes in color and values were also effected including airgraphs.



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India's Victory stamps of 1946 were the last of the British commemorative stamps in India. The sword through India in the globe and wreath around the globe gave room for a roar of criticisms in the Indian philatelic and lay press circles.

15th of August 1947, the memorable day in the history of India, saw the fulfillment of the peaceful struggle for freedom. "Jai Hind" commemoratives were issued in November and December 1947. These stamps were flown over to U. S. A. It is the first time in the annals of the country that Indian stamps were issued outside India to the philatelic world. The "Jai Hind" stamps were succeeded by "Swa-



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raj" stamps. The wound received by Bharat, in the loss of her Great Leader and father of the Nation, Mahatmaji, still remains fresh. The Gandhiji stamps were but a tiny memorial to the revered soldier of freedom.

The inauguration of Indian International airways was duly commemorated by the issue of new airmail stamps and first day covers on the date of the first flight in 1948.

The archeological and historical series issued on the 2nd anniversary of Indian Independence portray the cultural tradition of the country. First day covers and pamphlets issued by the department testifies the great interest evinced by the authorities to bring India to the forefront of the philatelic world. The slight error in the posture of the image of "Bodhisattva" on the 1 anna stamp was rectified and fresh stamps with the same image in the correct posture were issued.

The Jubilee of the Universal Postal Union and the declaration of the Indian Republic were adequately celebrated by pictorial commemoratives.

In January 1950, separate stamps with "Asoka Pillar" as central effigy were issued for service purposes. Thus, as days progress many a great reformation can be anticipated in the National Government, who are alive to the keen interest expectantly bestowed by the philatelists on the Indian philately.

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FREEDOM STAMP

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honor as the worst designed was the stamp said to have been issued to honor the railroad engineers of America, the so-called "Casey Jones". Competition here was just as keen as the naming of the champion since the Casey Jones gained the worst designed toga by less than ten votes over the stamp issued for the centennial of statehood of California.

Also frowned on heavily as poorly designed stamps were the Indiana, Bankers, and Kansas City which with the two named above received the bulk of the disapproval. The other six designs all had less than twenty critical votes each.

Competition for the "Least Necessary" of 1950's commems was equally as hot as it was for "Best" and "Worst". It is significant that voters condemned the four stamps which on their announcement were tabbed in the "political expediency" category, designed to entice votes to the incumbent party.

Least necessary of last year's eleven stamps was voted as the Bankers, issued January 3 to mark the 75th anniversary of the American Bankers Association. Collectors apparently resented this tribute to a small segment of the population, and the fact that it was for an odd anniversary such as the 75th.

Also disapproved in no uncertain terms were the stamps to honor former labor leader Samuel Gompers, and the Railroad Engineer or "Casey Jones" stamp. Both of these ran neck and neck for the Least Necessary title less than fifteen votes behind the Bankers.

The fourth discredited issue was the Gateway To The West or "Kansas City" stamp. Disapproval here was about half of what it was for any of the three above but sizeable nonetheless.

The seven remaining stamps were considered necessary, or at least more so, than the quartet which lacked respectability in the eyes of the voters.

Here is how the eleven came out in the race for the "Most Attractive" title:

1. Freedom
2. Legislative
3. Executive
4. Judicial
5. Boy Scouts
6. Bankers
7. California
8. Kansas City
9. Indiana
10. Casey Jones
11. Gompers

If the results shown above seem confusing when matched with those for the Worst Design, it should be borne in mind that the competition was strictly to select the most attractive design, and not to express disapproval.

When voters were asked to express their disapproval of the eleven designs, they did so as follows:

1. Casey Jones
2. California
3. Indiana
4. Bankers
5. Kansas City

The other six had only a small number of votes each.

When the votes were tabulated to discover the stamp considered Least Necessary the final line-up came in this order:

1. Bankers
2. Gompers
3. Casey Jones
4. Kansas City

The remaining seven stamps got practically no attention from voters in naming the Least Necessary issue.

From remarks which accompanied the ballots, the matter of a suitable color for United States stamp issues seemed to be the item of most concern. A number of voters expressed the opinion that certain of the issues would have been definitely more acceptable if printed in a color complementary and appropriate to the design.

This seemed to be particularly

true regarding the California Centennial of Statehood stamp which was printed in an orange yellow color. Many told that they had selected the California stamp for the Worst Design strictly because of the color in which it was printed.

On the whole, voters seemed pleased with the opportunity of trying to tell the Post Office Department how they felt about the stamps issued via this Third Annual Design Derby.

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HONG KONG. Do not buy the Hong Kong (coarse impressions) based on Scott's catalogue prices. Scott's total catalogue price for the six A varieties, #155A/162A, is \$5.70—but—the value of these six stamps in Gibbons is 8/6 or \$1.19.

These stamps should be available here in the United States at about Gibbons's catalogue price. The 4 pence orange #156A is priced by Scott at 60c, but the price in Gibbons is 9 pence or 10½c.

The 30c olive bistre #161 is a really scarce stamp and when available sells for more than the present catalogue price in Scott of \$6.00. The so called coarse impression #161A which is priced by Scott at \$2.50 is available here at from 35c to 50c. The average collector can only separate the two by the difference in perforations.

EGYPT. According to Whitfield King & Co., Egypt issued on December 27, a set of three stamps (10, 22 & 30m) to commemorate the Geographical Congress. Egypt has issued many commemorative stamps which are popular due to their being attractive and of low face value.

LEEWARD ISLANDS. It is reported, but not verified, that Leeward Islands will issue a new constitution set of four values early in 1951.

SILVER WEDDINGS. This column recently reported on the auction sale of large lots of Silver Wedding sets by order of the British Government. It is now rumored that there will be more auction sales from the same source during the winter.

CEYLON. This column recently suggested checking copies of some Ceylon stamps with the possibility of finding some with scarce perforations. It is suggested that you also check Scott's #286, priced by Scott at 20c regardless of perforation. According to Gibbons the prices for the various perforations are as follows:

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394B 13½, 5 shilling.
394C 12, 50 shilling.
394D 14, 2/6d.
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New Officers For Butler County Club

The Butler County Philatelic Society of Butler, Pa. has elected J. Garland Marks to the president's chair for 1951. Frank J. Perar will serve as the vice president, H. W. Boyd as the secretary and Ralph F. Sandbach as the treasurer.

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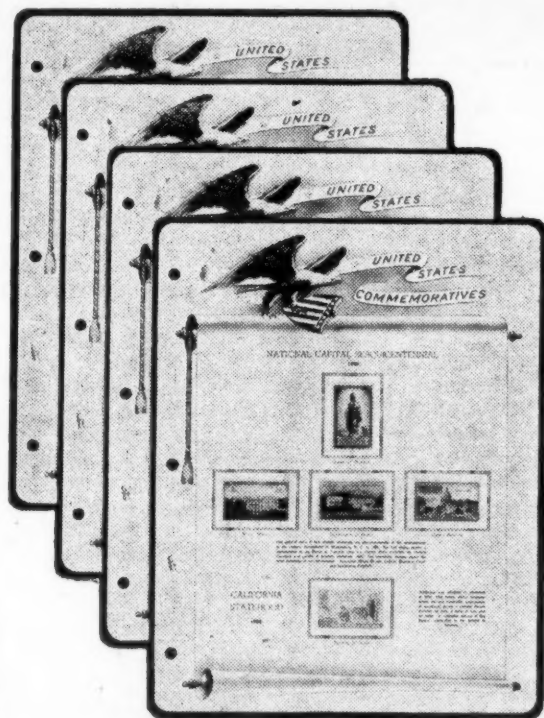
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